



SUNBURY AND DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

DOGGIE DOINGS – Newsletter November 2011

Hi all, well it seems summer is almost upon us and it is time to remind everybody to watch the 6pm news each Friday, well the weather part anyway, because that is how we determine if training will take place on Saturday or not – if the predicted temperature is 30 degrees or above there will be no training the following day (even if a cool change comes through!).

Ok now on with the show :

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe we only have 3 more Saturdays of training at the club before the final weekend of 3rd December. The 3rd December will be the club AGM followed by our usual Christmas breakup. It is a day not to be missed. As far as what you would like to see happen at the club, the AGM is the chance for you to have your say so please come along. We have club awards to give out and don't think you couldn't win one it could just be your day. Of course all of our club committee positions will be up for grabs. If you wish to nominate for any of the committee positions please obtain the proper forms from the club. I know that not everyone can commit to being a committee member but next year we are arranging for jobs that we need help with and you don't have to be a committee member to help with them. If you are able to give us an hour or two on a Saturday or during the week to assist with some of the tasks that need doing at the club please let any of our current committee know. One committee position that does need to be filled is Club Treasurer. If you think you can take on this position again come and see us at the club house.

The AGM will be followed by the very, very fun time we have at our Christmas breakup. There will be fun games with lots of prizes, dress ups, both handlers and dogs and a free BBQ for all our members. Please come along and bring the family and have a great afternoon of fun. Full details are given later in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the committee for the hard work they have done this week and for all the members who have helped with events and volunteered during the year at the club.

Now that's a funny thing! : Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window!

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following people and pooches to our Club, and wish you every success in your classes

Members Name	Dogs Name	Breed
Rebecca McConkey & Nick Goodisson Robyn Cunningham	Marley & Mayko & Harley & Bonnie Indy	American Staffy's English Staffy's Border Collie

And the return of two of our life members with their new pups

Helen Weedon Lina Morgante	Skype Whisper	Kelpie Kelpie
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PASS UPS

Congratulation to the following members and puppies for their fantastic effort

Members Name	Dogs Name	New Class
Bobby Young John Woollard Maureen Berry	Marley Kane Misty	One Two Two

Keep up the great work everybody.

INSTRUCTORS TIPS

Hot feet

Before you set off on your daily walk, consider how hot the footpath is on your mate's paws. Get down to their level and feel the ground temp because sometimes when the sun has been beating down on the pavement all day it is still a bit warm for a walk even when the 'air' temperature has dropped – if you would not feel comfortable walking on it in bare feet Fido probably won't either.

INTERESTING BITS

If you feel like a day out with family and pup, why not try a day at the beach, here is one I read about recently and although I haven't been there it sounds interesting

Narrow Beach at Queenscliff. This pooch paradise can be accessed from the car park off the Bellarine Highway opposite Roddick Grove. The year round off leash area begins at the end of the boardwalk and extends east to the end of Fraser Street. Pooper scoopers and bags are thoughtfully provided, so remember leave only footprints behind.

OBEDIENCE TRIALLING

Recent events

Werribee 22nd October

Sally with Kira and Skye both CCD
Robyn with Alex CCD
Becky with Gypsy CCD
Cathy with Heidi Novice
OR SO WE THOUGHT –

Another early start (but not too early) saw us all heading to Werribee. Unfortunately when Robyn and Alex arrived they were astounded (is that the word – I think not) to find that their entry had not been received and their preparations were for nought.

Cathy and Bec, with me driving took the scenic route from Sunbury to Werribee - we really must stop Becky talking so much that we miss turns ! although I think the criticism I have endured is not fair after all I only missed ONE turn, it just happened to be very early in our trip and sent us in the wrong direction – ooops. But never mind we managed to get there (with the help of Tom Tom) in time to sign in, and with the amount of rain coming down, you would think they would be grateful the trip took so long.

Sally was the only one to have an event free start to her day (apart from the rain) and was ready and rearing to go on our arrival.

The rain was constant the whole morning with many bedraggled pooches wishing to be home in front of the fire and not prancing about trial rings, there were quite a few handlers thinking the same (and also some drivers!)

AM RESULTS

- Sally with Kira CCD – a well-earned 81 but no pass
- Sally with Skye CCD – a respectable 82 almost but no pass
- Becky with Gypsy CCD – a very soggy 77 no pass, but a personal best
- Cathy with Heidi Novice – unfortunately the novice ring took quite some time to run through and the rain was absolutely bucketing down by the time the stays were on so Cathy pulled the plug

Cathy, Bec and I headed home soggy and sad, leaving Sally to represent Sunbury in the PM

PM RESULTS

- Sally with Kira - withdrawn
- Sally with Skye - 2nd in ring
- Cathy with Heidi – withdrawn
- Becky with Gypsy – withdrawn

It really was a bad day for trialling but congrats to Sally for enduring and showing us what she is made of – well done

A very big thank you to Marlene for donating the Sunbury Club Ribbons and congratulations to Sally on a clean sweep – again, good work.

Northcote 1st November

- Cathy with Heidi Lite - Novice
- Barb with Banjo - Novice
- Marlene with Trina - Open

It was ‘that one day of the year’ and after the usual early start we were off full of confidence and enthusiasm. Best part of the way down Bell Street, Banjo’s tummy decided it did not want that breakie after all, and to spare you the details after a brief stop and clean up and convincing Heidi it was OK to sit in the back seat again, we continued to our fate.

Marlene was an early retirement withdrawing before the stays and heading home to catch that race.

Banjo did all that was required – he just did it in slow motion ! So with a score of just 15 in the healing and a total of 102 a pass was out of the question but we figured practicing the stays doesn’t hurt (we get a lot of practice), however when lining up for the stays the upset tummy returned and we withdrew leaving Heidi to fly the flag alone.

Full of no confidence (Cathy needs a personal motivator !) out they went and with the exception of the figure of eight did an exceptional run scoring a total of 112. The motivator was no longer required and the smile on Cathy’s dial was good to see. Both the sit and the drop stays went without a hitch (was there ever any doubt ?) and they ended the day 3rd in ring and on a non-qualifying 172, but with Cathy feeling on top of the world.

UPCOMING TRIALS TO CONSIDER

(Remember these are only the ones I know about and there may be others, also the dates here may not be correct so PLEASE check your own sources for actual dates both of the events and close of entries)

Obedience

29th November – OTEC twilight close 15/11

4th December – Croydon close 20/11

After this one you will have to wait until March

Agility

27th November – Portland close 7/11

Again the season is over until the weather cools down a little and the silly season is done with

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS :

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP, AGM AND PRESENTATION / AWARDS DAY

This fantastic fun day is for all the family to enjoy with lots of awards and prizes. Fun and entertaining events for us to compete in and watch have been organised (Thanks instructors). Prizes for the best dressed dog, the best dressed dog and handler and best hat or headpiece

SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE DETAILS

It really is a great day so come along and join the party

THE END

Hey how about a swim instead of a walk

Barb L – Editor

Sunbury and District Obedience Dog Club

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